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APPLICATION OF

PRINCE GEORGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CASE NO. PUE000734

For general increase in rates

REPORT OF HOWARD P. ANDERSON, JR., HEARING EXAMINER

July 12, 2001

On December 29, 2000, Prince George Electric Cooperative (“Prince George” or “Cooperative”) filed an application with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) for a general increase in rates. Pursuant to the Commission’s Order of January 19, 2001, Prince George placed its revised rates and charges into effect, on an interim basis and subject to refund, on January 1, 2001. Also pursuant to the Commission’s Order of January 19, 2001, as modified by the Commission’s Order of February 5, 2001, the Cooperative provided public notice of its application. No party has filed written comments, nor has any party filed a protest in this case.

On June 18, 2001, Prince George filed a Motion to Withdraw (“Motion”), due to “circumstances beyond its control.”¹ Prince George states that if the Motion is granted, it will be necessary for the Cooperative to prepare and file a revised cost of service study to support its application for approval of a functional separation plan in Case No. PUE010001.

On June 27, 2001, the Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed a response stating it does not oppose the Motion of Prince George provided that: (1) all rates, fees, charges and terms and conditions of service contained in the application are withdrawn; (2) Prince George is directed to refund with interest the proceeds from interim rates placed into effect on January 1, 2001; (3) upon completion of the refunds, Prince George files with the Commission’s Division of Energy Regulation a document indicating that all refunds have been made; and (4) the Cooperative files within two weeks of the entry of an order dismissing the rate application, the rates, tariffs, fees and charges, terms and conditions of service, and a 1999 per books cost of service study that Prince George intends to rely upon in support of its application for functional separation docketed as Case No. PUE010001.

By letter dated June 28, 2001, the Cooperative advised that within two weeks of the entry of a final order dismissing its rate application, it would be in a position to file its cost of service study and its projected unbundled rates in Case No. PUE010001. However, it will not be in a position to file its terms and conditions of service or its unbundled tariff schedules.

¹ Motion at 2.

I find the Cooperative's Motion should be granted. Accordingly, ***IT IS DIRECTED*** that Prince George's Motion to Withdraw its application for a general rate increase is hereby ***GRANTED***, and the hearing scheduled for September 11, 2001, in this case is cancelled.

I further **RECOMMEND** that the Commission enter an order:

(1) **DISMISSING** the application from its docket of pending proceedings;

(2) **DIRECTING** Prince George to refund with interest the difference between the rates, fees, charges and terms and conditions of service that became effective on January 1, 2001, and those that were in effect as of December 31, 2000, as adjusted to remove the effect of gross receipts taxes; and

(3) **DIRECTING** Prince George to file a revised cost of service study and projected unbundled rates to support its application for approval of a functional separation plan in Case No. PUE010001, within two weeks of the entry of a final order dismissing Prince George Electric Cooperative's rate application.

COMMENTS

The parties are advised that any comments (Section 12.1-31 of the Code of Virginia and Commission Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120) to this Report must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission in writing, in an original and fifteen (15) copies, within seven (7) days from the date hereof. The mailing address to which any such filing must be sent is Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Any party filing such comments shall attach a certificate to the foot of such document certifying that copies have been mailed or delivered to all counsel of record and any such party not represented by counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hearing Examiner